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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendment and consider the accompanying remarks before examining the above-captioned patent application. The amendments are made pursuant to the requirements of Rule 121 of the Rules of Practice. Accordingly, Applicants are submitting herewith at Exhibit Tab 1, a marked up copy of each amended paragraph

in the specification showing all changes relative to the specification as originally filed. Applicants also submit herewith a Submission of Substitute Drawings transmittal, including Exhibits A-B with substitute **FIGS. 7, 8, 9-10, 12, 19 and 23** for entry in this application.

It is believed that no fees are required for this amendment. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any additional fees are required or that a refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please delete **FIGS. 7, 8, 9-10, 12, 19 and 23** as originally filed for this application and enter, in their place, substitute **FIGS. 7, 8, 9-10, 12, 19 and 23** attached at Exhibit Tab A of the accompanying Submission of Substitute Drawings.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows: